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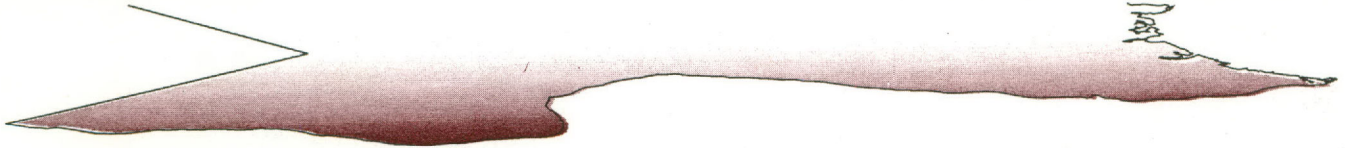
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## Major U.S.-Mexico Border Ports Handle 82.4% of U.S.-Mexico Trade Activity

U.S.-Mexico border ports processed \$142.6 billion or 82.4 percent of the total trade dollar value of U.S.-Mexico merchandise (\$173.1 billion) crossing the border for the period January-August 2004.

The list below shows the top three types of merchandise—SITC 2-Digit—crossing at the nine major U.S.-Mexico border ports. Each port handled over \$1.8 billion in merchandise (U.S. exports and imports) from January to August 2004. —B. Garcia

### U.S. Exports to Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-August 2004)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	U.S.\$ Value
Laredo	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	5,037,107,631
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	2,391,007,274
	3	71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	1,642,588,042
El Paso	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	3,308,697,798
	2	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	2,430,127,147
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	894,480,789
Otay Mesa Station	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,394,708,649
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	415,820,163
	3	87	Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments and Apparatus, N.E.S.	411,262,511
Hidalgo	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	961,280,232
	2	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	832,716,210
	3	87	Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments and Apparatus, N.E.S.	326,876,962
Nogales	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	773,873,354
	2	89	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles, N.E.S.	184,781,851
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	172,759,452
Brownsville	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	619,128,896
	2	57	Plastics in Primary Forms	304,680,561
	3	51	Organic Chemicals	239,397,332
Calexico-East	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	793,092,345
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	274,208,864
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	224,060,041
Del Rio	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	184,516,368
	2	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	144,460,161
	3	82	Furniture and Parts thereof; Bedding, Mattresses, Mattress Supports, Cushions and Similar Stuffed Furnishings	120,030,196
Eagle Pass	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	405,982,346
	2	65	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Made-Up Articles, N.E.S., and Related Products	180,223,405
	3	84	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories	164,934,895

### U.S. Imports from Mexico via Top U.S.-Mexico Border Ports (January-August 2004)

Port of Entry	Rank	SITC	Product Description	U.S.\$ Value
Laredo	1	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	10,844,917,252
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	3,506,305,766
	3	71	Power Generating Machinery and Equipment	2,445,011,412

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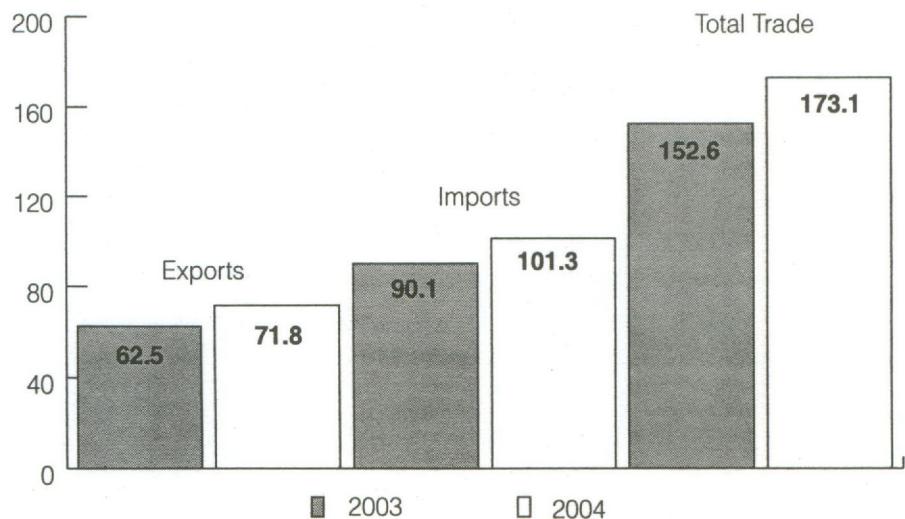
**Note from the Director**

Indicators of border business activity for August 2004 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated thirteen indicators increased and nine decreased. 2004 YTD comparisons to 2003 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 2.7 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 0.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 1.4 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 0.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 7.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 6.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went down 1.5 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 10.1 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 7.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 8.4 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 8.8 percent.
- Total employment was up 2.0 percent, with 9,935 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in August 2004 was 7.7 percent.
- Total building permits issued fell 17.0 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 17.8 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.8 percent, commercial were up 3.0 percent and industrial were down 5.1 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were up 15.0 percent, and departures were up 14.6 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 8.3 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 0.03 percent, and outbound cargo went down 0.4 percent.

**U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance**

August 2004 Year-to-Date  
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, Data Dissemination Branch

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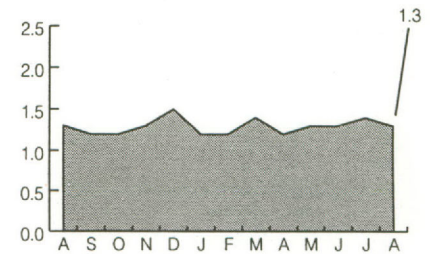


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	198,884	15.5	-5.4		1,649,511	1,609,028	15.5	-2.5
Del Rio	5,370	0.4	28.5		39,549	50,001	0.5	26.4
Eagle Pass	48,634	3.8	-0.6		385,768	393,977	3.8	2.1
El Paso	492,362	38.5	3.0		3,609,833	3,702,872	35.6	2.6
Harlingen	113	0.0	25.6		513	751	0.0	46.4
Laredo	344,009	26.9	3.9		2,610,825	2,718,063	26.1	4.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	110,329	8.6	-0.2		872,654	898,667	8.6	3.0
Progreso	68,686	5.4	-8.9		866,465	934,317	9.0	7.8
Rio Grande	151	0.0	-34.1		1,957	2,022	0.0	3.3
Roma	11,336	0.9	-3.8		98,603	95,767	0.9	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,279,874</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>		<b>10,135,678</b>	<b>10,405,465</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 0.7%  
(In Millions)

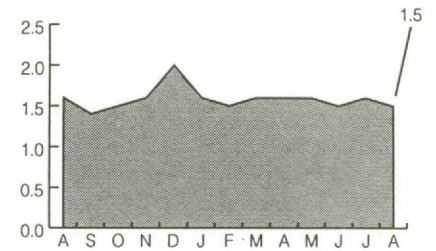


**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	225,901	14.8	-4.3		1,849,556	1,813,870	14.6	-1.9
Del Rio	8,184	0.5	3.4		63,210	76,408	0.6	20.9
Eagle Pass	57,116	3.7	-6.0		485,891	476,147	3.8	-2.0
El Paso	631,741	41.4	-3.3		5,039,875	4,942,109	39.7	-1.9
Laredo	386,475	25.3	4.7		2,910,944	3,046,867	24.5	4.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	130,420	8.5	-5.7		1,108,208	1,107,205	8.9	-0.1
Presidio	1,988	0.1	4.9		16,950	17,425	0.1	2.8
Progreso	69,138	4.5	-8.7		868,359	844,078	6.8	-2.8
Rio Grande	971	0.1	-17.3		10,119	8,700	0.1	-14.0
Roma	14,671	1.0	-3.7		124,210	126,016	1.0	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,526,605</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.1</b>		<b>12,477,322</b>	<b>12,458,825</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Down 2.1%  
(In Millions)

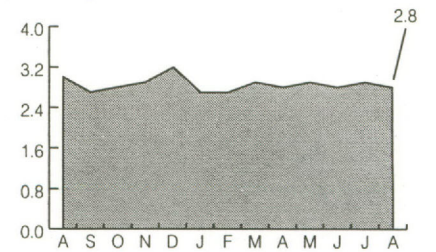


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	558,126	19.9	-5.1		4,641,754	4,476,469	19.9	-3.6
Del Rio	155,752	5.6	-5.3		1,267,654	1,248,247	5.5	-1.5
Eagle Pass	257,138	9.2	-4.7		2,142,956	2,125,397	9.4	-0.8
El Paso	378,339	13.5	-7.3		2,947,530	2,928,457	13.0	-0.6
Harlingen	58,219	2.1	-3.1		453,502	464,908	2.1	2.5
Laredo	570,528	20.4	-6.1		4,595,347	4,613,760	20.5	0.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	459,658	16.4	-4.7		3,718,252	3,650,977	16.2	-1.8
Pharr	149,746	5.3	-0.7		1,161,394	1,177,419	5.2	1.4
Progreso	83,364	3.0	-10.4		758,691	720,841	3.2	-5.0
Rio Grande	46,943	1.7	-6.4		409,451	401,345	1.8	-2.0
Roma	84,537	3.0	-8.0		743,658	709,964	3.2	-4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,802,350</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>		<b>22,840,189</b>	<b>22,517,784</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

**Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Down 5.5%  
(In Millions)

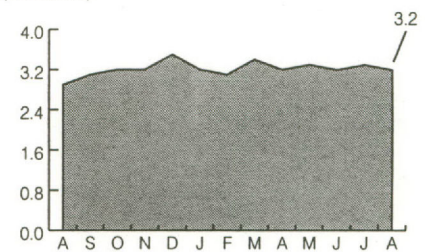


**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	562,058	17.5	-3.1		4,633,889	4,497,997	17.4	-2.9
Del Rio	157,455	4.9	-3.3		1,272,949	1,248,423	4.8	-1.9
Eagle Pass	272,390	8.5	-2.3		2,258,398	2,222,719	8.6	-1.6
El Paso	648,730	20.1	146.2		4,937,258	5,153,136	19.9	4.4
Harlingen	66,522	2.1	-2.7		528,521	533,994	2.1	1.0
Laredo	584,437	18.1	-3.4		4,740,645	4,667,435	18.0	-1.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	442,906	13.8	1.8		3,371,090	3,440,344	13.3	2.1
Pharr	198,636	6.2	-7.3		1,720,111	1,648,102	6.4	-4.2
Presidio	60,553	1.9	0.2		467,587	496,461	1.9	6.2
Progreso	85,833	2.7	-8.1		762,668	803,656	3.1	5.4
Rio Grande	54,151	1.7	-5.4		465,634	461,152	1.8	-1.0
Roma	87,015	2.7	-5.5		759,464	723,415	2.8	-4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,220,686</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.6</b>		<b>25,918,214</b>	<b>25,896,834</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

**Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 10.6%  
(In Millions)



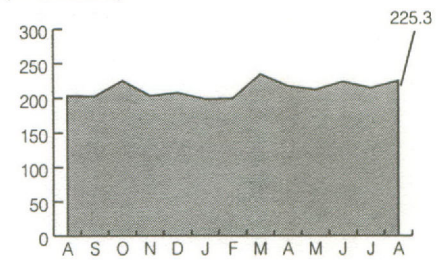


**Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Aug 04	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	17,184	7.6	2.2	133,109	133,392	7.7	0.2
Del Rio	5,659	2.5	-5.4	49,554	43,365	2.5	-12.5
Eagle Pass	8,664	3.8	19.5	56,595	66,511	3.8	17.5
El Paso	25,009	11.1	6.0	182,028	193,298	11.2	6.2
Harlingen	3,656	1.6	4.2	25,959	24,647	1.4	-5.1
Laredo	126,340	56.1	9.6	906,667	961,968	55.7	6.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	2,093	0.9	-0.2	16,849	14,663	0.8	-13.0
Pharr	30,785	13.7	27.9	204,621	250,552	14.5	22.4
Progreso	2,316	1.0	26.8	14,030	14,737	0.9	5.0
Rio Grande	2,762	1.2	41.2	15,810	18,049	1.0	14.2
Roma	814	0.4	-2.0	6,505	7,311	0.4	12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>225,282</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>1,611,727</b>	<b>1,728,493</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities  
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

**Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 10.9%  
 (In Thousands)

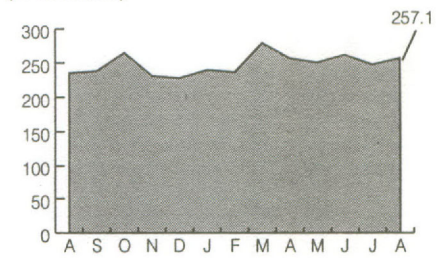


**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Aug 04	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	15,739	6.1	-4.9	126,583	124,050	6.1	-2.0
Del Rio	5,711	2.2	-1.5	45,429	43,416	2.1	-4.4
Eagle Pass	9,053	3.5	28.4	57,960	67,064	3.3	15.7
El Paso	60,722	23.6	10.4	430,100	483,848	23.8	12.5
Harlingen	3,769	1.5	1.9	28,229	26,398	1.3	-6.5
Laredo	117,501	45.7	7.4	905,656	925,086	45.6	2.1
Pharr	37,372	14.5	16.7	270,483	308,629	15.2	14.1
Presidio	490	0.2	48.0	3,311	4,692	0.2	41.7
Progreso	2,400	0.9	32.2	12,368	13,974	0.7	13.0
Rio Grande	3,581	1.4	14.0	23,403	27,499	1.4	17.5
Roma	770	0.3	8.5	5,042	5,713	0.3	13.3
Falcon Heights	7	0.0	0.0	173	66	0.0	-61.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1,908,737</b>	<b>2,030,435</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso  
 Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

**Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities**  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 9.2%  
 (In Thousands)

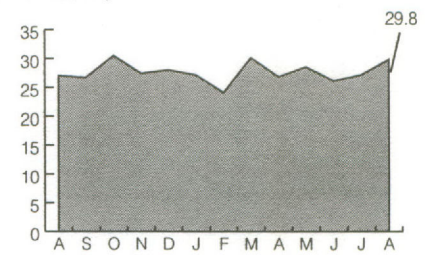


**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Aug 04	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	3,263	10.9	-6.5	26,604	22,576	10.3	-15.1
Eagle Pass	5,918	19.8	0.5	49,465	44,088	20.1	-10.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	20,644	69.2	16.9	146,801	152,935	69.6	4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,825</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>222,870</b>	<b>219,599</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities  
 Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

**Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities**  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 10.3%  
 (In Thousands)

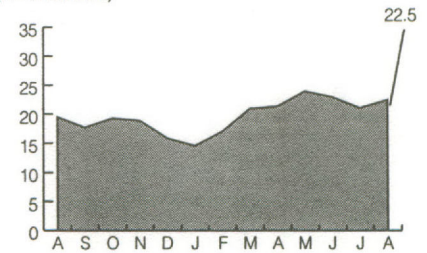


**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Aug 04	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	YTD	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	444	2.0	-53.4	7,828	3,619	2.2	-53.8
Eagle Pass	1,697	7.5	22.2	9,916	12,282	7.5	23.9
El Paso	5,059	22.5	209.6	13,444	35,138	21.3	161.4
Laredo	15,314	68.0	-1.5	118,458	113,719	69.0	-4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,514</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>149,646</b>	<b>164,758</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10.1</b>

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

**Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities**  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 15.3%  
 (In Thousands)



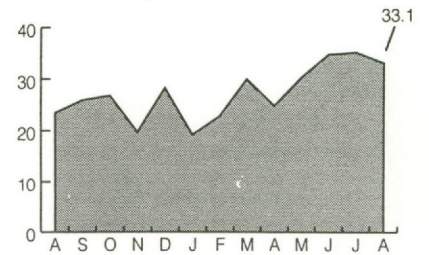


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,277,164	6.9	916.2		9,453,540	17,768,836	7.7	88.0
Del Rio	296,945	0.9	87.6		2,494,804	783,119	0.3	-68.6
Eagle Pass	1,123,491	3.4	-6.0		33,540,685	6,441,948	2.8	-80.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	3,339,803	10.1	5.0		27,587,691	30,770,338	13.4	11.5
Laredo	25,938,293	78.4	40.0		140,587,921	173,630,278	75.5	23.5
Progreso	30,215	0.1	143.1		118,612	222,746	0.1	87.8
Rio Grande	30,591	0.1	-13.4		335,797	208,949	0.1	-37.8
Roma	34,219	0.1	74.7		96,168	297,059	0.1	208.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,070,720</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41.6</b>		<b>214,215,219</b>	<b>230,123,273</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo  
 Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 41.6%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

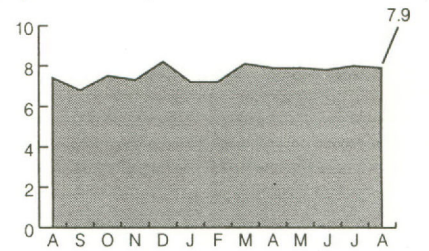


**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,178,096	15.0	3.7		8,474,405	9,391,546	15.2	10.8
Del Rio	369,734	4.7	12.2		2,564,114	2,684,496	4.3	4.7
Eagle Pass	569,189	7.3	-1.8		4,669,807	4,649,007	7.5	-0.4
El Paso	1,163,941	14.8	29.8		6,709,606	8,859,994	14.3	32.0
Harlingen	169,745	2.2	6.4		1,210,988	1,307,538	2.1	8.0
Laredo	2,792,364	35.6	2.9		21,043,930	21,919,798	35.4	4.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	850,971	10.8	-4.8		6,892,173	6,748,511	10.9	-2.1
Pharr	572,684	7.3	18.4		3,915,222	4,758,377	7.7	21.5
Roma	183,992	2.3	-8.1		1,621,400	1,557,904	2.5	-3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,850,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>		<b>57,101,645</b>	<b>61,877,171</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities  
 Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 6.2%  
 (In Millions of U.S.\$)

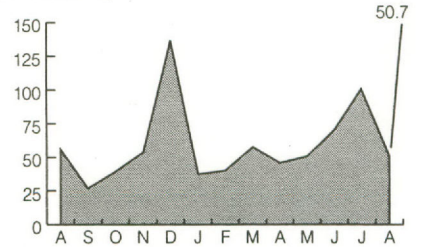


**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04		YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	514	1.0	-22.1		6,287	6,842	1.5	8.8
El Paso	10,569	20.8	18.7		63,424	81,765	18.0	28.9
McAllen-Hidalgo	9,901	19.5	-15.9		94,709	99,422	21.9	5.0
Brownsville	6,706	13.2	-4.7		52,606	53,794	11.9	2.3
Laredo	20,865	41.1	-15.5		178,597	189,079	41.7	5.9
Eagle Pass	2,183	4.3	-21.3		20,719	22,245	4.9	7.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,738</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-9.1</b>		<b>416,342</b>	<b>453,147</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Down 9.1%  
 (In Thousands)

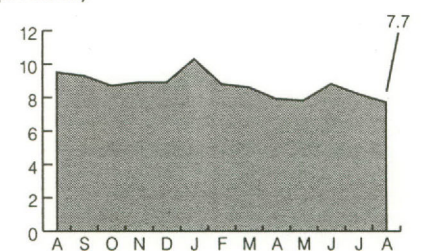


**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		03 vs. 04	Gain/Loss
	Aug 04	Aug 04		Aug 04	YTD 03		
Brownsville	48,495	5,600	10.4	48,378	48,010	-0.8	-368
Del Rio	15,500	1,095	6.6	15,842	15,386	-2.9	-456
Eagle Pass	9,479	1,281	11.9	8,292	9,800	18.2	1,509
El Paso	248,886	19,186	7.2	245,486	246,398	0.4	912
Harlingen	27,860	1,904	6.4	27,793	27,566	-0.8	-227
Laredo	77,122	4,965	6.0	71,625	76,084	6.2	4,459
McAllen	52,734	4,707	8.2	50,597	53,709	6.2	3,112
Pharr	15,725	2,511	13.8	15,088	16,016	6.2	928
Rio Grande	5,453	663	10.8	5,535	5,601	1.2	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>501,254</b>	<b>41,912</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>488,634</b>	<b>498,569</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9,935</b>
Texas Unemployment Rate						5.8	
U.S. Unemployment Rate						5.4	

Source: Texas Workforce Commission  
 Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined  
 Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Down 18.9%  
 (In Percent)

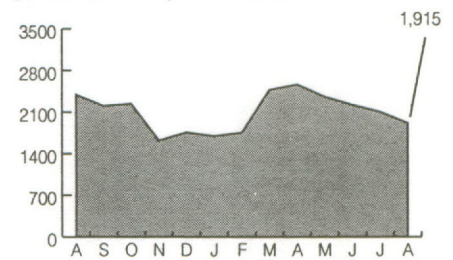




**Building Permits**

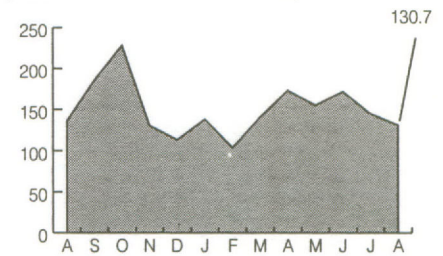
Number City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04 %Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	289	15.1	-46.2	5,499	2,776	16.2	-49.5
Del Rio	116	6.1	75.8	653	810	4.7	24.0
Eagle Pass	76	4.0	55.1	368	405	2.4	10.1
El Paso	798	41.7	-27.7	9,372	7,762	45.4	-17.2
Harlingen	58	3.0	7.4	626	650	3.8	3.8
Laredo	325	17.0	-10.0	2,649	2,698	15.8	1.8
McAllen	253	13.2	14.0	1,440	1,993	11.7	38.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-19.9</b>	<b>20,607</b>	<b>17,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-17.0</b>

Building Permits All Cited Cities  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004  
(Number of Permits): Down 19.9%



Dollar Value City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04 %Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	20,181,041	15.4	-44.1	195,597,958	183,454,417	15.9	-6.2
Del Rio	2,303,986	1.8	27.3	14,782,442	19,219,102	1.7	30.0
Eagle Pass	4,229,706	3.2	-47.2	22,806,499	34,980,702	3.0	53.4
El Paso	36,403,537	27.9	-19.2	356,818,063	410,617,998	35.5	15.1
Harlingen	15,790,872	12.1	237.1	43,347,782	93,836,605	8.1	116.5
Laredo	30,211,638	23.1	59.7	169,580,664	249,690,812	21.6	47.2
McAllen	21,536,567	16.5	1.0	178,471,982	163,961,192	14.2	-8.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,657,347</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>981,405,390</b>	<b>1,155,760,829</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>

(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down 3.9%

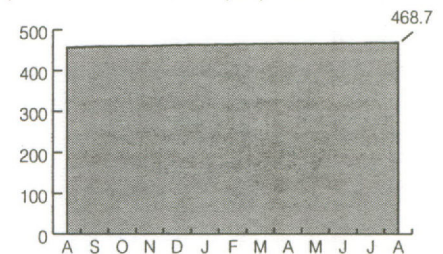


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**Power Connections (in Service)**

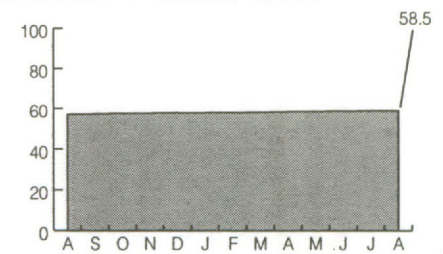
Residential City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04 %Chg	Average YTD 03	Average YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	34,322	7.3	3.4	33,273	34,046	7.3	2.3
Del Rio	14,593	3.1	1.1	14,365	14,598	3.1	1.6
Eagle Pass	10,464	2.2	2.3	10,187	10,456	2.2	2.6
El Paso	294,491	62.8	2.7	284,595	292,355	62.7	2.7
Harlingen	22,600	4.8	1.0	22,249	22,766	4.9	2.3
Laredo	56,430	12.0	2.6	54,185	56,200	12.1	3.7
McAllen	35,845	7.6	3.5	34,517	35,805	7.7	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>468,745</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>453,371</b>	<b>466,227</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>

Power Connections All Cited Cities  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004  
(Residential - In Thousands): Up 2.7%



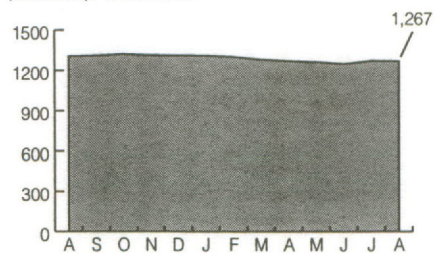
Commercial City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04 %Chg	Average YTD 03	Average YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	4,575	7.8	3.0	4,371	4,557	7.8	4.2
Del Rio	2,292	3.9	1.3	2,274	2,290	3.9	0.7
Eagle Pass	1,621	2.8	0.9	1,577	1,607	2.8	1.9
El Paso	30,888	52.8	3.1	29,588	30,603	52.7	3.4
Harlingen	3,932	6.7	1.7	3,872	3,916	6.7	1.1
Laredo	8,723	14.9	2.0	8,529	8,706	15.0	2.1
McAllen	6,457	11.0	3.7	6,176	6,402	11.0	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,488</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>56,387</b>	<b>58,081</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

(Commercial - In Thousands): Up 2.8%



Industrial City	Aug 04	%Share	03 vs. 04 %Chg	Average YTD 03	Average YTD 04	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	629	49.6	-3.5	688	629	49.3	-8.6
Del Rio	44	3.5	0.0	44	43	3.4	-2.3
Eagle Pass	29	2.3	0.0	30	29	2.3	-1.7
El Paso	134	10.6	-5.0	142	140	11.0	-1.5
Harlingen	100	7.9	-5.7	106	102	8.0	-4.2
Laredo	208	16.4	1.0	212	209	16.4	-1.1
McAllen	123	9.7	-2.4	122	123	9.6	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

(Industrial): Down 2.8%



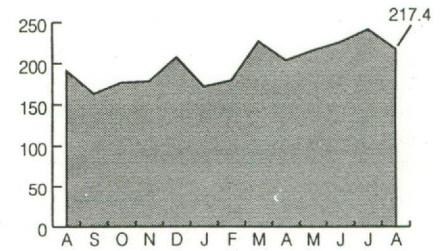
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**Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)**

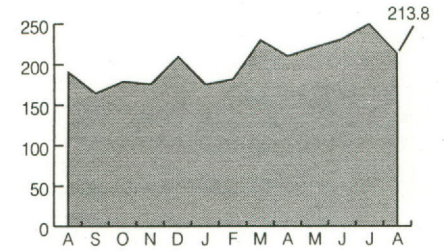
City	03 vs. 04			YTD			
	Aug 04	%Share	%Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	5,584	2.6	8.2	41,942	44,089	2.6	5.1
El Paso	142,714	65.7	14.5	925,130	1,082,226	64.3	17.0
Harlingen	35,114	16.2	11.2	265,202	294,807	17.5	11.2
Laredo	7,032	3.2	10.3	46,820	52,147	3.1	11.4
McAllen	26,911	12.4	14.5	184,492	209,860	12.5	13.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,355</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>1,463,586</b>	<b>1,683,129</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>

**Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004  
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up 13.6%



City	03 vs. 04			YTD			
	Aug 04	%Share	%Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	5,656	2.6	11.3	42,046	45,574	2.7	8.4
El Paso	139,630	65.3	13.0	943,257	1,098,132	64.1	16.4
Harlingen	36,782	17.2	13.1	273,077	305,208	17.8	11.8
Laredo	6,625	3.1	1.3	47,678	51,528	3.0	8.1
McAllen	25,145	11.8	9.8	188,480	213,003	12.4	13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>213,838</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>1,494,538</b>	<b>1,713,445</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>

(Departures – In Thousands): Up 12.2%

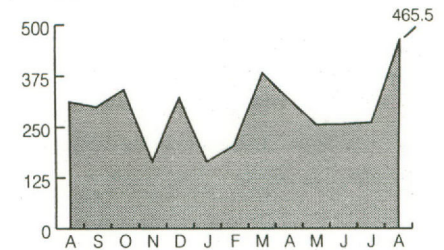


Source: Airports in cited cities

**Port of Brownsville (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)**

Cargo Type	03 vs. 04			YTD			
	Aug 04	%Share	%Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	315,907	67.9	48.3	1,569,894	1,165,787	50.5	-25.7
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	3,966	0.9	-65.0	40,593	39,569	1.7	-2.5
Liquid	660	0.1	-67.3	34,181	17,766	0.8	-48.0
Machinery	23,021	4.9	0.0	3,482	162,625	7.0	4570.4
Petroleum	121,917	26.2	42.8	869,073	922,763	40.0	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>465,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>2,517,223</b>	<b>2,308,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-8.3</b>

**Port of Brownsville Total Cargo**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004: Up 49.3%  
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)



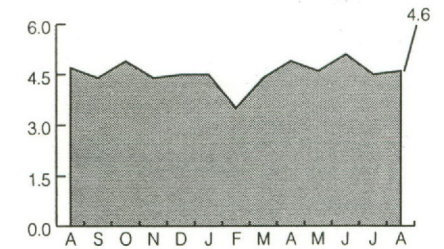
Source: Port of Brownsville

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**Port of Corpus Christi (Cargo in U.S. Tons)**

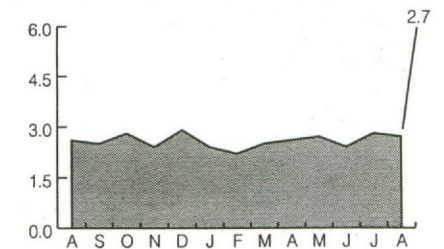
Cargo Type	03 vs. 04			YTD			
	Aug 04	%Share	%Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	7,997	0.2	121.6	47,812	182,744	0.5	282.2
Chemical	4,492	0.1	-52.6	81,721	72,695	0.2	-11.0
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	374,403	8.1	16.7	2,830,924	2,978,302	8.3	5.2
Grain Bulk	4,580	0.1	227.1	27,008	7,811	0.0	-71.1
Liquid	67,669	1.5	N/A	61,427	165,806	0.5	169.9
Petroleum	4,159,127	90.1	-5.2	32,994,230	32,648,594	90.5	-1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,618,268</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>36,043,122</b>	<b>36,055,951</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.03</b>

**Port of Corpus Christi Cargo**  
Aug. 2003 vs. Aug. 2004  
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down 2.2%



Cargo Type	03 vs. 04			YTD			
	Aug 04	%Share	%Chg	YTD 03	YTD 04	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	21,094	0.842	18698.0	197,994	128,796	0.6	-34.9
Chemical	139,222	5.2	-25.6	1,221,862	1,386,366	6.8	13.5
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	276,272	10.3	57.5	1,795,527	1,944,539	9.6	8.0
Grain Bulk	221,381	8.2	-37.3	927,782	1,355,905	6.7	46.1
Liquid	47,043	1.7	N/A	0	97,877	0.5	0.0
Petroleum	1,986,899	73.8	5.3	16,258,670	15,404,355	75.8	-5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,691,911</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>20,401,836</b>	<b>20,317,838</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up 3.4%



Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.



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El Paso	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	3,579,343,337
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	2,401,201,752
	3	75	Office Machines and Automatic Data Processing Machines	2,236,762,102
Otay Mesa Station	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	2,620,394,639
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,087,749,820
	3	87	Professional, Scientific and Controlling Instruments and Apparatus, N.E.S.	597,911,986
Hidalgo	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	1,393,510,961
	2	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	1,067,736,281
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	474,151,195
Nogales	1	05	Vegetables and Fruit	1,299,494,917
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	878,623,053
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	687,446,770
Brownsville	1	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	875,835,557
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	546,398,859
	3	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	454,768,344
Calexico-East	1	76	Telecommunications and Sound Recording and Reproducing Apparatus and Equipment	765,985,750
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	549,728,364
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	385,937,474
Del Rio	1	82	Furniture and Parts thereof; Bedding, Mattresses, Mattress Supports, Cushions and Similar Stuffed Furnishings	315,801,286
	2	77	Electrical Machinery, Apparatus and Appliances, N.E.S., and Electrical Parts thereof (including Nonelectrical Counterparts of Household Type, N.E.S.)	246,008,677
	3	74	General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, N.E.S., and Machine Parts, N.E.S.	157,337,693
Eagle Pass	1	84	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories	657,493,750
	2	78	Road Vehicles (including Air-Cushion Vehicles)	526,421,733
	3	69	Manufactures of Metals, N.E.S.	234,175,552

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